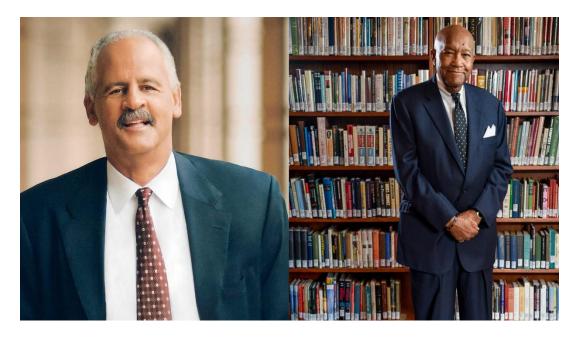
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An Evening with Stedman Graham and Robert J. Brown



August 12, 2019 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., the North Carolina Museum of History, along with UNC-TV Public Media North Carolina, will host businessman and educator Mr. Stedman Graham and philanthropist and civil rights leader Dr. Robert J. Brown for Paths to Leadership: An Evening with Stedman Graham and Robert J. Brown. This prestigious mentor/protégé pair will engage event attendees with a leadership-focused lecture and Q&A session. Deborah Holt Noel, host and producer of UNC-TV's North Carolina Weekend and Black Issues Forum, is set to moderate the event. This program will be recorded for later broadcast on UNC-TV.

From High Point to the world stage, Graham and Brown have collectively advised such notable leaders as Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and Nelson Mandela. The distinguished duo will reminisce about working together and discuss their approaches to leadership. After the lecture, attendees can meet Graham and Brown them as they sign copies of their recent books, *Identity Leadership: To Lead Others, You Must First Lead Yourself* and *Can't Go Wrong Doing Right: How a Child of Poverty Rose to the White House and Helped Change the World*, respectively, which are available for purchase from the Museum Shop.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m. Graham previously presented to the museum the George Henry White Ceremonial Sword, which is on display in the Reconstruction exhibit, *Freedom: A Promise Disrupted, North Carolina* 1862-1901, until Oct. 27, 2019.

About Stedman Graham

- "A man of honor."
- Oprah Winfrey, media mogul
- "A master communicator and a powerful teacher."
- Dr. Nido R. Qubein, President, High Point University
- "One of today's leading authorities on emotional intelligence (Identity Intelligence)."
- David M. Reynolds, CMF, VP, Associate Director, Merrill Lynch

During his illustrious career, *New York Times* best-selling author <u>Stedman Graham</u> has worked with and inspired well-known figures like Maya Angelou, Winnie Mandela, and Oprah Winfrey. Protégé of Dr. Robert J Brown, Graham is chairman and CEO of S. Graham & Associates, a management, marketing, and consulting firm based in Chicago, and has published 12 business and self-help books, including <u>Identity Leadership: To Lead Others You Must First Lead Yourself</u>, and <u>You Can Make It Happen: A Nine Step Plan for Success</u>.

About Dr. Robert J. Brown

- "A civil rights icon and a legend in American history... I will always be grateful for his friendship and advisement. I admire his selfless commitment for the betterment of this world."
- Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under President George W. Bush
- "A hero, model, and mentor to millions around the world. His life story is a testimony to the extraordinary influence and impact of a leader who commits all his resources to helping others."
- Dr. Nido R. Qubein, President, High Point University

Proclaimed a "world-class power broker" by *The Washington Post*, <u>Dr. Robert J. Brown</u> has a lasting legacy as a civil rights icon and internationally known businessman. As a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., confidant to the Nelson Mandela family, campaigner for John F. Kennedy, and special assistant for Richard Nixon, Brown's resume reads as a "Who's Who" of national and international diplomacy.

A supporter of youth and education, Brown initiated the U.S. Government Black College Program while working with President Nixon, and serves on the boards of High Point University, Boston University, Virginia Union University and the National Urban League. Brown holds ten honorary doctorate degrees and six national achievement awards.

For information about the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate museum, call 919-814-7000 or access <u>ncmuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow the museum on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>YouTube</u>.

About the NC Museum of History

The North Carolina Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, fosters a passion for North Carolina history. This museum collects and preserves artifacts of state history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. **Admission is free**. Last year, more than 465,000 people visited the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the Smithsonian Affiliations Network

Since 2006, the North Carolina Museum of History has been a Smithsonian Affiliate, part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share Smithsonian resources with the nation. The Smithsonian Affiliations network is a national outreach program that develops long-term collaborative partnerships with museums, educational, and cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. More information is available at affiliations.si.edu.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and natural assets in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums, and Jennette's Pier, as well as 39 state parks and recreation areas, the North Carolina Zoo, the nation's first state-supported symphonic orchestra, the State Library of North Carolina, the State Archives of North Carolina, the North Carolina Arts Council, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, and the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology, along with the state Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, call 919-814-6800 or visit DNCR.nc.gov.